Postmarked dates	Program codes	Program areas
January 15	54.1 61.0 62.0 71.1 71.2 32.0 41.0 44.0 51.1 51.2 51.3	Rural Development. Food Characterization/Process/Product Research. Non-Food Characterization/Process/Product Research. Ensuring Food Safety. Enhancing Animal Reproductive Efficiency. Sustaining Animal Health and Well-Being. Plant Pathology. Entomology. Nematology.
February 15	73.0 42.0 43.0 54.2 80.1 80.2 80.3 100.0	Improved Utilization of Wood and Wood Fiber. Improving Animal Growth and Development. Identifying Animal Genetic Mechanisms and Gene Mapping. Nitrogen Fixation/Nitrogen Metabolism. Research Career Enhancement Awards. Equipment Grants.

The Water Resources Assessment and Protection program, previously announced as having a December 15 deadline, will not be offered in FY 1997.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of Sept. 1996.

B.H. Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.
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## **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

# Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 2:00 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 1996, at the Radisson Hotel, 101 North Summitt Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Grace Ramos, 614–466–6715, or Constance Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312–353–8311 (TDD 312–353–8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, September 20, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit. [FR Doc. 96–24880 Filed 9–27–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6335–01–P

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

**AGENCY:** National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NWS is publishing proposed certifications for the automation of the following Weather Service offices at the indicated FAA Weather Observation Service level:

- (1) Grand Island Weather Service Office (WSO), service level C;
- (2) Beaumont/Port Arthur WSO, service level C;
- (3) Bristol WSO, service level C;
- (4) Columbus, GA WSO, service level C;
  - (5) Macon WSO, service level C;
  - (6) Waco WSO, service level C;
  - (7) Bakersfield WSO, service level C;
- (8) Helena WSO, service level C;
- (9) Residual Phoenix WSO, service level A;
- (10) Residual Reno WSO, service level C: and
  - (11) Salem WSO, service level C.

In accordance with Pub. Law 102–567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed automation certifications.

**DATES:** Comments are requested by November 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed automation packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 12314, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301–713–0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Scanlon at 301–713–1413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 706 of Pub. Law 102–567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these automations will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed automation certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting each proposed certification includes the following:

- (1) A draft memorandum by the meteorologist-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);
- (2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area:
- (3) A comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;